



## Commonwealth of Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet

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### **Emergency Grants Available to 28 Counties to Clean Up Flood-Related Solid Waste from Recent Storms**

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (April 3, 2015) – The Energy and Environment Cabinet today announced that up to \$560,000 is available in emergency grants to help 28 flood-damaged counties clean up solid waste generated by recent floodwaters caused by last month's winter storm.

The total grant amount to be awarded will not be available until all applications are received. The counties eligible to apply for the emergency dump grant include: Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Greenup, Hancock, Hart, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owen, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Rowan, Trigg, and Woodford. Application packages with additional information will be sent to eligible counties.

Eligible counties are those where a preliminary damage assessment by the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been requested. These counties may request either a \$10,000 or \$20,000 grant, depending on their assessment of the cost to deal with the solid waste generated by flooding in their counties.

All grantees must provide a 25 percent match to their grant amount. Counties may collect the municipal solid waste from curbsides or other locations, or may establish one or more collection points where residents or businesses can deliver solid waste for disposal by the county.

This emergency grant is administered through the cabinet's illegal open dump grant program. State funding for the illegal open dump grant program comes from a \$1.75 environmental remediation fee for each ton of garbage disposed of at Kentucky municipal solid waste disposal facilities. The "tipping fee" is collected quarterly and placed in the Kentucky Pride Fund to help combat illegal dumping and finance the closure of old landfills.

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